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We frequently have requests from dealers for descriptions of Watermelons of the many named varieties, and occasionally of a melon bearing a local name unknown to the trade generally, or to well informed growers.

This suggested to us that a list of the most widely distributed varieties with a brief description of each, printed in convenient form for filing and reference, might prove of value to the trade. We therefore have prepared this little folder for distribution.

STONE MOUNTAIN—TRUE STRAIN

Color, light green indistinctly veined with darker green in a fine mesh design. Shape, round, slightly elongated, some melons slightly lobed. Flesh, rich red, of fine texture, tender, sweet, luscious. One of the best in quality. Vines vigorous, fairly prolific. Fruit large, ripens medium early. Popular alike for home gardens and market. Stands shipping if handled with care.

A dark green strain, inferior to the true strain, is popular in some sections. Stone Mountain has a great propensity to Sport.

DIXIE BELLE

In some sections just another name for Stone Mountain. In other localities a strain having darker seed, thicker rind, very dark green, distinctly lobed. Popular shipper.

DIXIE QUEEN

A new round melon of striking appearance. Light and dark green striped. Very showy. Thin, tough rind; flesh bright scarlet, solid, of fine texture. Quality unsurpassed. Seed very small, white. Vines very vigorous, prolific. Melons uniform in size and appearance. Size medium to large. Destined to become a leader for home gardens, local markets and shipping. Has fewer seed than any other variety.

WONDER

A long medium sized dark green melon, sometimes slightly lobed. Flesh, rich red, crisp, tender, delicious. Medium early, a sure cropper. Rind thin, brittle, will not bear shipping. Excellent for home and local market gardens. Seed large, white, occasional brownish tip. A splendid and popular melon.

SUNNYBROOK

A thick, long melon of large size and of the best quality. Grayish green in color, of uniform thickness, it presents a very handsome appearance. Rind is extremely tough, making it a good shipper. Flesh is of very fine texture, brilliant scarlet in color, very sweet and tender, free from stringiness. One of the best melons for home gardens, local market, or shipping. Seed brown.

GREY JACKET

A medium sized grey melon, very prolific, of good quality, oval to long shape, rich red flesh. Seed white shaded to brownish tint.

OWENS GREY

Very similar to above in every respect.

TRIUMPH

Very large, prolific, round melon, of rather poor quality. Dark green striped with lighter green. Attractive appearance. Seeds black, with occasional white seed appearing.

WINTER MELON — WINTER QUEEN

Small round grey melon, very prolific, fair quality, pink flesh. Excellent keeper. Seeds very small, black.

LONG LUSCIOUS GOLDEN HONEY

Dark green, medium sized, long oval shape, cream colored flesh, which is very tender and delicious. A very fine melon.

ROUND LIGHT ICING

Medium sized, round, grey green, very prolific, flesh a rich red color of excellent quality. Seed white.

ROUND DARK ICING

Medium sized, round, green mottled, very prolific, rich red flesh, tender and sweet. Seed white, sometimes tinted slightly.

PEERLESS OR ICE CREAM

A medium sized melon, green mottled, early, long type, red flesh, sweet and excellent flavor. Seed white.

PHINNEYS EARLY

Small, long type, light and dark green striped, early melon. Very prolific. Quality poor. Seed white with black markings.

KOLB'S GEM

A very large round coarse melon of poor quality, but very prolific and hardy. Green with lighter markings. Seed black.

CUBAN QUEEN

Large, round, light and dark green striped, fair quality, very prolific, red flesh. Seeds black, with occasional white seed.

KLECKLEY SWEET

Similar to Wonder. More prolific, a week earlier, smaller in size, somewhat tapering from bud to stem end. Rind very thin and brittle. Quality excellent, flesh very tender and sweet, deep red. Seed smaller than Wonder and show more of the brownish tint.

IMPROVED KLECKLEY SWEET

An improved strain of Kleckley Sweet as its name implies. Larger, more uniform in thickness from stem to bud. Approaches Wonder in size and quality. Seed may show more brown tint. A good melon.

HALBERT'S HONEY

One of the best for home and local markets. Will not stand shipping. Color dark green. Length about twice the thickness. Thin rind, rich red sugary flesh of fine texture. An excellent melon of medium weight. Second early. Seeds white with black or dark brown markings.

THURMOND GREY

A large, long melon of a greenish grey color. Flesh red, quality good, ripens close to thin very tough rind. Excellent shipper. Big cropper. Hardy. Seed brown. Second early.

IRISH GREY

Another large, long grey melon of excellent quality. Rich red flesh of good texture. A little later than Thurmond Grey. Rind thin but very tough. An excellent all round melon. Good shipper. Seed, white.

GEORGIA RATTLESNAKE—AUGUSTA RATTLESNAKE

A large long melon, striped very light and dark green, rather thick rind, flesh red and of good quality. Very prolific and hardy. Withstands drouth better than most. Seeds white with black markings. Ripens ten days after second early varieties.

SCHOCHLER

A very large, thick, long, melon; dark green, with irregular and indistinct light green stripes or markings. Larger at bud end than at stem end. One of the best very large melons. Vines vigorous, the plentiful foliage protecting the melons from discoloration by sun in late summer. With good culture will produce melons up to 85 pounds weight. Rind rather thick. Flesh bright red, of good texture, crisp and sweet. A good late melon. White seed.

IMPROVED SCHOCHLER

A decided improvement on the original Schochler. While retaining the large size of Schochler, the melons are more uniform in shape, being practically the same thickness from end to end. The vines are much more prolific, and the rich red flesh is melting and deliciously sweet. One of the best varieties for mid season, home gardens or for shipping.

FLORIDA FAVORITE

A medium sized melon of excellent quality. Second early. Color, light and dark green striped. Vines hardy, prolific. Rind thin, flesh bright red, very sweet and tender. An excellent variety for home gardens and nearby markets. Will not bear shipping. Seed white.

BLACK EXCEL

A very large, long melon. Color dark green, striped with lighter green. Thick, tough rind. Good shipper. Very attractive in appearance. Quality variable. Seeds black, with occasional white.

LIGHT EXCEL

Large, thick, long, dark green melon, with irregular stripings of lighter green which are not very conspicuous, and often almost disappear as melon matures. Its thick, tough rind makes it a good keeper and good shipper. Quality fair, and an enormous yielder. Seed white with black markings.

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Very similar to Light Excel in all respects.

BLACK GYPSY

An excellent variety but not widely distributed. Very dark green in color, medium size, long type, very red, tender, sweet flesh. Medium early.

PERFECTION

Very similar to Halbert's Honey, but thicker and tougher rind makes it a good shipping melon. Ripens a few days later than Halbert.

TOM WATSON

A very popular shipping melon of the long type. Mcdium green with indistinct veining of darker green. Rind very tough. One of the best shippers, and keeps well. Red flesh of good quality. Seeds brown, shading to white. Early.

PRIDE OF MUSCATINE

A wilt resistant strain of Kleckley Sweet, which it resembles very closely. A much thicker, tougher, rind makes it a good shipper. The quality is not so good as that of Kleckley Sweet. Ripens a week later.

COLES EARLY

A very early round melon of good quality. Color, dark green striped with light green. Very prolific and hardy. Flesh pink, good. A valuable sort for first early, and for planting where the seasons are very short. Seeds black, with occasional white seed.

HARRIS EARLY

Practically same as above.

FORDHOOK EARLY

A good extra early melon. Oval, medium green striped with very dark green, thin rind. Particularly recommended for the Northern states. Flesh pink, tender and sweet. Seeds white with black markings.

KLONDIKE

Small black seed. Flesh deep red, very sweet, flavor of the best, rind thin, dark green and tough. Shape oval.

HUNGARIAN HONEY

Round in shape, skin dark green, flesh bright red, and very sweet. Mid-season variety. Small dark brown seeds.

SWEETHART

The vines are vigorous and productive. Fruits are large, oval, heavy, mottled dark and bright green, rind thin, flesh bright red, firm, sweet and tender. A very fine shipper. Seeds black.

CHILIAN, WHITE SEEDED

This is a very early, round melon. The rind is green with darker stripings. The flesh is bright red and very delicious. Average weight is about twenty pounds.

ANGELS KISS

A long greenish grey melon of medium size. Rich red flesh of delicious flavor and sweetness. Will not bear shipping. Seed white.

LONG LIGHT ICING

Practically same as Angels Kiss.